

## AMENDMENT / RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Applicant : Li, et al.  
 App. No. : 09/997,551  
 Filed : November 27, 2001  
 For : COMPOSITION AND  
 METHOD FOR TREATING  
 THE OVER-PRODUCTION  
 OF MUCIN IN DISEASES  
 SUCH AS OTITIS MEDIA  
 USING AN INHIBITOR OF  
 MUC5AC  
 Examiner : Zara, Jane J.  
 Art Unit : 1635

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Amendment and Response to Office Action in 6 pages and an Attachment in 15 pages.
- (X) Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 in 4 pages with Exhibit A in 4 pages.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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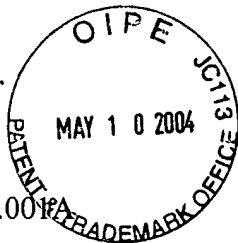
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 6, 2004 in the above-identified application, Applicant responds as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.